

Zion
METHODIST CHURCH

1867 - 1967



A Brief History of Zion Methodist Church

Zion Methodist Church was organized by a small group of people in the summer of 1867, with Rev. Elisha Lilston leading. Rev. R. W. Laughlin was appointed pastor at the next meeting of annual conference. Since there was no church building, he preached and held prayer meeting in the homes of various members.

In the year of 1870, Ben and Fannie Eaton donated land for a church building. A very small old fashioned house was built. After the crowds increased and new members were added, it soon was apparent to all that a larger building was needed. A larger and nicer building was erected, but through an error, it was found to have been built on adjacent land, that was not included in the deed. This raised a dispute and Robert and Ida Nebughr donated and deeded the parcel of ground where the present building now stands. A beautiful frame building was soon erected under the pastorate of Rev. Lawrence Smith. This building was struck by lightning in April, 1907, and burned to the ground. The people immediately built the present building in 1908 under the pastorate of Rev. Marion Jackson. This building has been kept in reasonably good condition, from year to year.

Electricity was added as soon as available. In the year 1953, a complete redecoration of walls and ceiling was carried out. Beautiful wall and ceiling paneling was installed by men of the community.

A fine new oil furnace was also installed. This time the women of the church did the honors. They accepted the job of cooking for a Methodist Youth Institute for a week at Giant City Park. After taking the job and successfully doing it for three seasons, they had enough money to buy the furnace. All were eager to see the last of the old pot-bellied stove, Rev. Dewey Hermes was pastor at this time. The following year, our nice hard wood floor was laid by some men of the community, James Barnett was pastor. The communion rail was installed under the pastorate of Rev. Paul Rundel in 1958.

OFFICERS
Zion Methodist Church
1967-68
PASTOR - James L. Gulley

Trustees

1968 - Mr. George Guard
1968 - Mrs. Charles Davis
1969 - Mr. Roy McDaniel
1969 - Mr. Shelby Wright
1969 - Mrs. Dwight Throgmorton

Elective Stewards
Mrs. Gordon Watson
Mrs. Hugh Batson
Mrs. Dwight Throgmorton
Mrs. Roy McDaniel
Mrs. Mae Rushing

Lay Leader - Mr. Roy McDaniel

District Missionary Society
Representative - Hugh Batson

Church School Sup't - Mr. Michael Minchew

MYF President - Sharon Vancil (Makanda)

Treasurer - Mrs. Roy McDaniel

Financial Secretary - Mrs. Charles Davis

COMMISSIONS

Membership and Evangelism
*Mrs. Virgil Wheeles
Mrs. Michael Minchew
Mrs. Shelby Wright

Education
*Mrs. George Guard
Mr. Michael Minchew
Mr. Shelby Wright
Mr. Roy McDaniel

Missions

*Mrs. Thomas Darnell
Mrs. Tony Kristoff
Mrs. James Gulley

Stewardship and Finance
*Mr. Hugh Batson
Mrs. Sybil Neber
Mrs. Roy McDaniel

Christian Social Concerns

*Mrs. Hugh Batson
Miss Marsha Throgmorton
Mrs. Gordon Watson

COMMITTEES

Pastoral Relations
Mrs. Roy McDaniel
Mr. Hugh Batson

Auditing
Mrs. Charles Davis
Mrs. Dwight Throgmorton

CENTENNIAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

Morning

10:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Order of Worship

Prelude Pianist

*Call to Worship

Minister: Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

People: He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

Minister: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

*Hymn (*ALL HAIL THE POWER*) 1

Call to Confession Minister

General Confession Congregation

Almighty and most merciful God, who knows the thoughts of our hearts: We confess that we have sinned against you, and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws; we have neglected your Word and ordinances. Forgive us, O Lord, we beseech you; and give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bringforth fruit worthy of repentance, and henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance Minister
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the Lord!

*Responsive Reading (*BEATTITUDES*) 431

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

*Gloria Patri 407

Scripture Lesson

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Hymn (*BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS*) 348

Sermon

Hymn (*LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL*) 350

Offertory

*Doxology Benediction

*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

12:00 p.m. Basket Dinner

Afternoon Program
1:30 p.m.

Invocation

Congregational Singing

Special Music The Traveler's Quartet

Homecoming Pageant "With Hills Surrounded"
by Mrs. Virgil Wheeler

Offering

Recognition of Former Pastors

Special Music The Traveler's Quartet

Closing Hymn

Benediction

List of Pastors, Salaries and Number of Members

DATE	PASTOR	SALARY	MEMBERSHIP	DATE	PASTOR	SALARY	MEMBERSHIP
1867	Rev. Elisha Lilston	Unknown	Unknown	1904	Rev. S. S. Smith	650.00	260
1868	Rev. R. W. Laughlin	Unknown	Unknown	1905	Rev. S. S. Smith	650.00	263
1869		Unknown	135	1906	Rev. Marion Jackson	600.00	310
1870	Rev. C. W. Morris	532.00	197	1907	Rev. Marion Jackson	650.00	328
1871	Rev. C. W. Morris	558.00	187	1908	Rev. J. W. DeWeese	613.00	400
1872	Rev. C. W. Morris	350.00	187	1909	Rev. Charles Atchison	541.00	342
1873	Rev. C. W. Morris	600.00	210	1910	Rev. F. M. James	580.00	302
1874	Rev. A. L. Downey	450.00	100	1911	Rev. F. M. James	550.00	390
1875	Rev. T. J. Davis	650.00	175	1912	Rev. F. M. James	490.00	290
1876	Rev. T. J. Davis	513.00	250	1913	Rev. H. C. Culbertson	650.00	200
1877	Rev. J. W. Lowe	500.00	200	1914	Rev. J. P. Watson	700.00	264
1878	Rev. J. W. Lowe	350.00	125	1915	Rev. M. S. Bumpus	761.00	324
1879	Rev. C. Kirkbrick	281.00	120	1916	Rev. M. S. Bumpus	612.00	332
1880	Rev. R. W. Laughlin	644.00	152	1917	Rev. L. G. Murray	723.00	340
1881	Rev. J. J. Maxey	573.00	177	1918	Rev. L. M. Leyerle	Unknown	Unknown
1882	Rev. J. J. Maxey	443.00	220	1919	Rev. L. M. Leyerle	Unknown	Unknown
1883	Rev. J. H. McGriff	409.00	275	1920	Rev. L. M. Leyerle	Unknown	Unknown
1884	Rev. J. H. McGriff	345.00	255	1921-1930	No Regular Preaching at Zion		
1885	Rev. J. H. McGriff	402.00	200	1930-1934	Rev. Hugh Stearns	Unknown	Unknown
1886	Rev. J. R. Reef	583.00	230	1935-1936	Rev. Raymond Cox	Unknown	Unknown
1887	Rev. J. R. Reef	511.00	217	FROM THIS DATE ON FIGURES ARE FOR ZION ALONE			
1888	Rev. L. S. Walker	498.00	217	1937	Rev. G. A. Phelps	150.00	Unknown
1889	Rev. L. S. Walker	454.00	218	1938	Rev. G. A. Phelps	150.00	Unknown
1890	Rev. L. S. Walker	542.00	243	1939	Rev. E. C. Michels	250.00	69
1891	Rev. L. S. Walker	600.00	241	1940	Rev. W. A. Smith	261.00	69
1892	Rev. L. S. Walker	617.00	248	1941	Rev. W. A. Smith	252.00	86
1893	Rev. Lawrence Smith	531.00	252	1942	Rev. Ueli Jackson	250.00	98
1894	Rev. Lawrence Smith	530.00	260	1943	Rev. Junior Beck	260.00	104
1895	Rev. Lawrence Smith	565.00	287		Rev. Edward L. Hoffman		
1896	Rev. J. D. Crenshaw	580.00	275	1944	Rev. Edward L. Hoffman	300.00	75
1897	Rev. J. R. Reef	346.00	200	1945	Rev. Edward L. Hoffman	300.00	75
1898	Rev. L. J. Grantham	625.00	273		Rev. Gerald E. Gulley		
1898	Rev. R. S. Young	625.00	273	1946	Rev. Gerald E. Gulley	400.00	64
1899	Rev. J. L. Shaderick	398.00	249	1947	Rev. Walter Fagan	410.00	67
1900	Rev. B. F. Ford	460.00	400	1948	Rev. George Mitchell	375.00	66
1901	Rev. C. C. Hall	613.00	250	1949	Rev. R. D. Emmerson	500.00	79
1902	Rev. C. C. Hall	600.00	236	1950	Rev. R. D. Emmerson	500.00	80
1903	Rev. C. C. Hall	600.00	251	1951	Rev. R. D. Emmerson	500.00	78

DATE	PASTOR	SALARY	MEMBERSHIP
1952	Rev. Dewey Hermes	500.00	71
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1954	Rev. James Barnett	600.00	51
1955	Rev. James Barnett	700.00	48
1956	Rev. James Barnett	700.00	50
1957	Rev. Paul Rundel	700.00	55
1958	Rev. Paul Rundel	700.00	53
1959	Rev. Robert Patterson	700.00	53
	Rev. Gary Graham		
1960	Rev. Gary Graham	700.00	53
1961	Rev. Gary Graham	700.00	53
1962	Rev. Ray Nausley		
1962	Rev. Ray Nausley	700.00	53
1963	Rev. Ray Nausley	750.00	42
1964	Rev. Ray Nausley	750.00	43
1965	Rev. Ray Nausley	800.00	41
1966	Rev. Ray Nausley	800.00	41
	Rev. Ross Smith		
	Rev. James L. Gulley		
1967	Rev. James L. Gulley	800.00	43

*FIGURES FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE FOR THE ENTIRE CIRCUIT UP TO 1937

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